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national interpretation because it implies "an inwardness of personification which goes far beyond the mere allegorical presentation of the salient facts of a nation's history" and is thus "wanting in subjective depth and reality." In the statement of his own view Dr. Skinner is anything but clear. At one moment he seems to think of the Servant as an ideal Israel within Israel, at another he thinks of him as a pious individual, and again he seems to favor interpreting him as the personal Messiah. In any case the reader of this discussion will not delude himself with the thought that the interpretation of the Songs is a simple matter.

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CARTER, GEORGE W., *Zoroastrianism and Judaism*. Boston: Gorham Press, 1918. 116 pages. \$2.00.

This is an attempt to estimate, within the limits of a few pages, the influence of Zoroastrianism upon Judaism. An introduction by Dr. Charles Gray Shaw assures us as to the competence of Dr. Carter to speak upon things Iranian. He knows enough also about Hebrew religion and history to keep him from making glaring errors. The book will prove a useful summary in the hands of students of the Old Testament wishing to know something about Zoroastrianism and its bearing upon Hebrew religion. The author shows admirable restraint in that he does not work his theory too hard. Indeed he might well have claimed more for Persia than he has. It is certain that a period of two centuries under the Persian régime must have made a profound impression upon the Hebrew soul, which was so responsive to stimuli from without. No reference is made to the Assuan Papyri and the testimony they offer as to the attitude of the Persian government toward the Jewish people and their religion. A good bibliography extending over 7 pages would be better if it were shorter. The publishers are open to criticism at two points: the proofreading is atrocious and the price exorbitant.

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NEW TESTAMENT

CASTOR, GEORGE DEWITT. *Matthew's Sayings of Jesus: the Non-Markan Common Source of Matthew and Luke*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1918. vii+250 pages. \$1.25.

The publication of the late Professor Castor's reconstruction of the second source common to Matthew and Luke is very welcome. It emphasizes the loss felt by his large circle of friends and his students at the Pacific School of Religion in his tragic death in 1912, for it exhibits a penetration of research and clearness of reasoning such as would have rendered great service in the field of New Testament study.

Although published so recently, the work was practically completed before Harnack's *Spruche und Reden Jesu* appeared and was little influenced by its conclusions. A decided superiority of Dr. Castor's study is that he bases less upon subjective considerations. A brief but careful investigation of the methods of Matthew and Luke in their treatment of Mark develops the principles that guide in reconstructing their second source. He finds Matthew to follow more closely the wording and thought of his documents, Luke their order. He believes both preserve Q better than Mark. The radical difference from Harnack is that Dr. Castor has allowed more weight to Luke's evidence, particularly as to order, and therefore has had to introduce

no such startling rearrangements as the former ventured. As to the sayings to be included in Q the two are in substantial agreement.

The reconstructed document exhibited in the last chapter shows a unity, completeness, and sequence which argue well for the success of Professor Castor's undertaking.

C. C. McC.

WEARING, THOMAS. *The World-View of the Fourth Gospel: A Genetic Study.* Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1918. 74 pages. \$0.79.

The value of the genetic method of biblical study is well illustrated in Mr. Thomas Wearing's *World-View of the Fourth Gospel*. The method demands that the student go far afield. Mr. Wearing begins modestly with "Typical Pre-Christian Hellenistic World-Views." Following mainly Caird, Eucken, and Arnold (*Roman Stoicism*), he sets forth the cosmologies of the leading philosophical schools, of astral theology, of Hellenistic Judaism, and of mysticism.

In a chapter on "The Johannine Universe: its Origin, Structure, and Destiny," and another on "Man and the Universe in the Johannine World-View," the peculiar views of the Fourth Gospel are set forth as derived from stoicism, gnosticism, and the mystery religions. The final chapter is entitled "New Testament World-Views and Their Influence." What it really describes is "their influence" upon the conception of Jesus exhibited by various New Testament writers. It very successfully traces the progressive Hellenization of the early Christian conception of the Messiah down to its culmination in the mystical, non-apocalyptic Savior of John.

For the most part Mr. Wearing's positions are well chosen and well defended. One would have expected a clearer setting forth of the nature of Christ's work as Savior of the world in order to demonstrate more conclusively the value of such a method of study. But the book is an excellent one and shows how far biblical theology has progressed out of its old isolation.

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HISTORY OF RELIGIONS

MOORE, CLIFFORD HERSCHEL. *Pagan Ideas of Immortality during the Early Roman Empire.* Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1918. 64 pages. \$0.85.

This volume comprises a single lecture sketching the history of belief in the immortality of the soul as entertained by the peoples of the Mediterranean world from the early days of Greek thinking down to the period when Christianity emerges as one of the recognized religions of that world. First the author epitomizes the beliefs of Orphism and Pythagoreanism, more especially as expounded by Plato. The views of the later Graeco-Roman philosophers and the content of popular faith also receive brief recognition. As a result it becomes clear that prior to the emergence of Christianity the pagan world had a very strong hope of immortality and very specific ideas regarding the state of the soul beyond the grave. In a few well-chosen sentences the author indicates the relation between the Christian hope when it came to be dominant and the earlier aspirations of its gentile predecessors.

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